
APPENDIX H

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

GENERAL

Several award, recognition, and financial incentive programs for environmental stewardship are available through various sources in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The following sections of this appendix give the details on these programs and provide the sponsoring organization name, their mailing address, and their telephone number.

AWARD/RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

CHESAPEAKE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Special Programs

P.O. Box 15225

Chesapeake, VA 23328

Phone: (757) 382-6411

The Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council sponsors an award program to honor individuals and organizations who have conducted outstanding programs in litter control, recycling, or beautification in Chesapeake. The program includes a Certificate of Appreciation, Outstanding Achievement Awards, and the Mayor's Outstanding Service Award. There are seven categories: (1) business and industry, (2) youth community organization, (3) adult community organization, (4) government agency, (5) communication, (6) educational institution, and (7) outstanding citizen. Applications are due by January 15th of each year. The awards are presented during a luncheon on the first Wednesday in March.

THE ELIZABETH RIVER PROJECT RIVER STAR PROGRAM

801 Boush Street, Suite 204

Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: (757) 625-3648

This recognition program is sponsored by the Elizabeth River Project in order to obtain public appreciation for those organizations that achieve pollution prevention goals and/or install wildlife habitats. The levels include commitment, achievement, and model. There is no cost to enter the program, other than a suggested donation to cover the cost of materials.

GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR MANUFACTURERS

Virginia Manufacturers Association

P.O. Box 412

Richmond, VA 23218-0412

Phone: (804) 643-7489

This award is sponsored by the Virginia Manufacturers Association and is designed to encourage industries to implement the Virginia's pollution prevention policy, promote all aspects of excellent environmental stewardship, and recognize outstanding efforts. Categories include environmental projects and environmental programs for both larger manufacturers and small manufacturers (500 or fewer employees). Applications are usually available in April and due back to the Virginia Manufacturers Association in July.

HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT

Industrial Waste Division

P.O. Box 5902

Virginia Beach, VA 23471-0902

Phone: (804) 460-7040

Hampton Road Sanitation District's Pretreatment Excellence P2 Awards Program honors permitted industrial and commercial discharges for outstanding multi-media P2

efforts. Emphasis is placed on wastewater discharges, but other media are given strong consideration. Awards are in seven categories based on discharge flow rates. Applications must be postmarked by March 1st. The award ceremony is held in the beginning of May each year.

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AWARDS

Norfolk Environmental Commission

Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center

3500 Granby Street

Norfolk, VA 23504

Phone: (757) 441-1347

The Norfolk Environmental Commission, Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center, sponsors the Norfolk Environmental Action Awards. Application forms are available after March 1st each year. Awards are for significant contributions to environmental excellence in the categories of business, education, government (including military), individuals, community groups, and youth groups. Awards include Certificate of Recognition, Environmental Award of Excellence, and the Ernie Morgan Award of Service. Awards are presented in October.

PORTSMOUTH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Department of Community Quality and Planning Services

Division of Planning and Zoning Services

801 Crawford Street

Portsmouth, VA 23704

Phone: (757) 393-8522

This award program recognizes Portsmouth citizens, groups, organizations, schools, and clubs that contribute to litter control, beautification, and the planting or preservation of key landscaped gateways. Applications are available from the Portsmouth Clean Community Commission and are due by the end of September. The recognition ceremony is generally held before the end of October each year.

VIRGINIA BEACH CLEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION

City of Virginia Beach

Municipal Center, Building 8

2565 Glebe Road

Virginia Beach, VA 23456-9074

Phone: (757) 427-4104

The Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that contribute to the many initiatives of the commission at an annual recognition breakfast in September. Contributions can be monetary or for volunteer services. Check out their Environmental Activities/Programs brochure on the Internet at <http://www.virginia-beach.va.us/community/envIRON/ccC.htm>.

VIRGINIA STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Virginia Petroleum Council

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 105

Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: (804) 225-8248

This award is a public outreach effort co-sponsored by the Virginia Petroleum Council and the Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources. The purpose of the program is to promote pollution prevention, recycling, community and school ecology projects, and environmental clean-ups. There are four categories: (1) youth, (2) adult, (3) organization, and (4) communications/education projects. The submittal deadline for applications is April 15th. Awards are presented in late May or early June.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

The following is a listing of grants or other financial incentives pertaining to pollution prevention. In addition to the following grants and funds, Virginia has a tax exemption for pollution control equipment.

CIT TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology

355 Crawford Street, Suite 200

Portsmouth, VA 23704

Phone: (757) 397-7016

These awards are provided to Virginia companies that are developing a technology-based product or process. The CIT Technology Awards Program includes Challenge Awards, Innovation Awards, and Small Business Innovative Research Awards. Challenge Awards are for one-year research and development efforts; these awards range from \$25,000 to \$80,000. Innovation Awards are for short-term final development projects; these awards are \$25,000 and less. Small Business Innovative Research Awards are used to support Small Business Innovative Research/STTR Phase I winners with up to \$18,000 to leverage the company's subcontract to the academic institution (see Small Business Innovative Research Program description on page H-6).

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND ECONOMICS

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Office of Pollution Prevention

P.O. Box 10009

Richmond, VA 23340

Phone: (804) 698-4344

This is a Department of Energy cost sharing grant program for projects that conserve energy, reduce waste, and have a positive economic benefit. Proposals must be submitted through a state energy, pollution prevention, or business development office. Grants up to \$400,000 are awarded and fund up to 50 percent of total project cost for up to 3 years. For information about submittal dates, etc., contact the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality or visit the Department of Energy on the Internet at <http://www.oit.doe.gov>.

POLLUTION PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Office of Pollution Prevention

P.O. Box 1009

Richmond, VA 23240

Phone: (804) 698-4344

The Center for Innovative Technology, the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Center, and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality sponsor this program. These grants are to increase the competitiveness of Virginia's manufacturers through pollution prevention.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Virginia Office of Innovative Technology

Office of the Secretary of Technology

110 South 7th Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: (804) 371-5599

Through this program, the EPA makes awards to small, high-tech companies for research and development of cutting-edge technologies. The purpose of the program is to encourage activities that improve the environment while creating jobs, increasing economic growth and productivity, improving the competitiveness of United States businesses. No matching funds are required.

VIRGINIA ALLIANCE FOR SOLAR ELECTRICITY

630 Solarex Court

Fredrick, MD 21703

Phone: (301) 698-4200

Virginia Alliance for Solar Electricity is a joint venture between Solarex (a business unit of Amoco/Enron); Virginia Power; Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology; and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. Cost-sharing funds up to approximately one-half the project cost are available for those interested in

having photovoltaic power systems installed at their facility. For large projects, technical and engineering assistance is also available.